

KARO-ECHO Membership Meeting

September 11, 2023

Hybrid In Person and Zoom

Attendees

6 In Person

9 via Zoom

Agenda:

Call to order/logistics

 Introductions

 Approval of Minutes

 Approval of Agenda

 Treasurer's report

Training and Operations

 Richard Dillman, W6AWO, Chief Operator of KPH/K6KPH

New business

 Ten minutes for tech (new quick technical topics)

Old business

 Fall SET, Oct 14

 Volunteers for onboarding/elmering workgroup

 Outreach/PR/web

 Tech./Infrastructure

 Elmering

 Neighborhood nets and Comm. hubs

Adjourn

Howdy KE6BEE Calls meeting to order

No new participants to introduce and Richard Dillman as a guest online.

Jim KN6VTC moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting, Hal KK6NDF seconded and all approved.

Jim KN6VTC moved to approve the agenda for this meeting, Hal KK6NDF seconded and all approved.

Treasurer's report

As published in the newsletter for this month, no changes are noted in the balance with \$1,908.59 as bank balance and 34 total paid members for 2023

Training and Operations

Richard Dillman, W6AWO, Chief Operator of KPH/K6KPH, presented a very informative history of West Coast Maritime Radio. The presentation was recorded and can be viewed online by those who missed it or want to review the story of the Maritime Radio Historical Society (<https://www.radiomarine.org>), of both the commercial (KPH) and amateur (K6KPH) activities.

This unique station on the west coast served as the lifeline with its morse code on 600/725/2400 meters for ships in the Pacific for many years. It started with Marconi in 1906. The Titanic disaster in 1912 pointed at the need for proper wireless communication, and the need for a commercial entity. The station started as PH, moved to San Francisco, became KPH on Russian Hill until the shack “sparked” its welcome out of San Francisco to Daly City and ultimately to Point Reyes with two separate (cable connected) RX and TX sites. Richard presented how he and colleagues rescued parts, hunted down lost items and resurrected the station(s) after the last “official” code went on the air. We were all impressed with this excellent talk and thanked Richard for his willingness to share his passion with us.

KaroEcho members will visit the station on September 30 and Don, NI6A will bring his CW keyer to give it a try.

New business

The monthly newsletter provides additional info on the items discussed and is available online.

A new agenda item, proposed by Jay, KJ6WSS, was initiated with a quick review by Jay on how to mount an HT in a car. Members are encouraged to suggest a topic for future meetings

as well as present a topic of their choice of interest to the club. The KAROECHO website has an enormous amount of useful information. It is planned to highlight some of this in next meetings as well as during the Thursday night NET. On Thursday 9/14 we will discuss the first 3 three pages of the [updated KARO-ECHO Disaster Communications Plan](#) ending at "IV. Operations". Feedback/questions/criticism will be used to improve such documents.

Karen KK6ZPM announced a Marina Bay activity.....

Howdy please help, with this one not clear on the details.

Old business

The Fall SET is planned for Oct 14, and Howdy KE6BEE will send a mail with details and a sign up form. All members are strongly encouraged to participate as these SET's provide an excellent way to train and practice emergency communication. Volunteers for onboarding/ mentoring are needed for new members. This is not just tech oriented, but also to make new members feel welcome and introduce them to various aspects of KE. Members are encouraged send a note indicating their interest in being a mentor (or being mentored) toelmer@karoecho.net

Future Meeting schedule

October: Fall SET preparation November: SET critique and lessons learned, establish Officer nomination committee December: Radio Operator Best Practices, Officer elections.

Howdy adjourned the meeting, thanked members for their presence and Richard for his presentation.